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If May 22nd Comes—

Judge Ward has set the trial for Tom Mooney for May 22nd. But will there be a trial?

Some say if the workers will stay away from the court the trial will proceed. Such tactics are now being used in the Japanese imperialist war on the Chinese people. The Japanese war office warns the Chinese army to evacuate the defense of a certain area "or their presence will provoke trouble." It is true that for a long time the Chinese under the leadership of their traitorous generals evacuated, and in a certain sense they did avoid trouble. That is, the Japanese troops were able to occupy that Chinese territory without a fight.

Those who champion these "evacuation" tactics may pose as liberals and "friends" of Tom Mooney—they are nevertheless, his enemies.

The courts of California, and for that matter throughout the entire capitalist world, are no bearers of pure justice. Pure justice is a beautiful ideal, but it will only be arrived at AFTER the overthrow of a system of society where a capitalist class lives on the backs of a toiling class. So long as a class society continues to exist, courts and law are merely the tools of the ruling class against the class of ruled.

Why should Judge Ward warn all the workers to be absent on May 22nd? If he really intends to give Mooney a fair trial he should welcome everyone being there to see him do it. He should do as the workers government does in Soviet Russia—where they get a huge hall for a political trial and with radio broadcasting so that the whole world might witness what is going on.

But Judge Ward is no symbol of an abstract justice. He is an agent of the capitalist class. His only interest is to get rid of the outstanding indictment so as to keep Mooney in San Quentin, and yet avoid any fuss over it. He advocates "evacuation" from the courtroom by the masses for the same reason the Japanese advocate evacuation by the Chinese—so that he can proceed unhindered to his objective.

But the workers and the entire people have a right to be there on the 22nd of May. Even capitalist law is supposed to guarantee that. And Ward, as also the entire frame-up gang, suspect that nothing will keep the workers from being there. Therefore, they are already maneuvering now to dismiss the case. O'Gara, one of the original framers, was urged by Ward to get a Supreme Court order to stop the trial. There isn't another state in the union where the Supreme Court is as reactionary as in California. This court is yet dominated by the spirit of Matt Sullivan, who wrote the infamous Ralph decision on the Mooney case. There is little doubt that they may grant an order to prevent the trial. Any of a thousand other legal tricks might be used. And the trial set for May 22nd may never happen.

UNLESS—

A great mass protest movement reaches Judge Ward, and all the other participants in the attempt to suppress the Mooney case, letting them clearly understand that the working class does not expect to desert Tom Mooney. On the contrary, thousands more workers will rally to the Mooney case. This will be especially manifest on May 22nd—the day set for the trial. But we urge that all workers act in a disciplined manner; pay close heed to Tom Mooney's warning against provocateurs sent by the frame-up gang to provide an excuse to cancel the trial.

Demand all the evidence be reviewed!

No "evacuation" in the fight to free Mooney!

Demand an immediate trial!

Increased mass militancy must answer Judge Ward's demagogery!

DEMONSTRATIONS GREET NORTHWEST VET CONTINGENT

Delegation Grows To 40 At Spokane

BISMARCK, South Dakota, April 29.—Great support for the contingent of veteran marchers who left Portland, Oregon, one week ago, has been given by the militant workers and farmers along the route.

At Spokane, Wash., 2500 workers blocked the streets at a mass meeting to greet the vets and when the police tried to break it up because no permit had been obtained they prevented the police from reaching the speakers. The ex-servicemen are carrying to the Roosevelt hunger government demands for unemployed and farmers relief as well as demands for repeat of the so-called "economy act," and for payment of the bonus. Nine vets joined the march at Spokane, and others will swell the next group passing through. Other vets have joined along the route, bring the total to near forty in this contingent.

The strength of the Spokane working class, where a united front of Communists and Socialist Party was effected to win acquittal for workers arrested for "stealing electricity" (turning on shutoff lights), and the solidarity and militancy of the marchers themselves has chased from the minds of rank and filers who have joined the veterans' files that they had formerly believed about "Reds." The refusal of the "recognized" vet organizations—Legion, V. F. W., D. A. V. leaderships to cooperate with the vets' fight has further served to show them who their real friends are.

Stop Foreclosure Sales

SEBASTOPOL, Calif., May 1.—The mortgage foreclosure sale on the apple ranch of G. Sturh was stopped here recently when neighbors rallied to his aid. This is the second recent stoppage of foreclosures sales in this vicinity by determined farmers.

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 6.—In spite of the more than 100 arrests, and protection of farm sales by military forces the struggle against foreclosures is spreading to other counties and states.

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150 YOUTH IN S. F. PROTEST FORCED LABOR CAMPS

Police Attack Meeting At Recruiting Office

Arrest Four

New Protest Meeting Is Planned

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—One hundred unemployed young workers paraded this noon to the recruiting office of the Roosevelt forced labor camps, 709 Mission street, where another fifty awaited to join in a militant protest against the militarized reforestation training. Immediately upon their arrival and before the meeting could start they were attacked with clubs by mobilized police and several were beaten badly. Four of the young workers—Ralph Olney, Elias Sasamon, L. Baker and Adam Lucas—were arrested. Police Chief Quinn's requirements for the meeting had been complied with, earlier.

A protest delegation went immediately to Quinn but were told he was out. One of them, Sam Cutin, was taken aside, beaten up and thrown out. The delegation was not permitted to go and see those held in jail.

Another protest meeting before the recruiting office is planned for the near future.

All organizations and individuals are urged to back the youth in this fight by immediately writing Police Chief Quinn, Hall of Justice, protesting this brutality.

FIGHT ON FORCED LABOR IN DENVER GAINING STRENGTH

DENVER, Colo., May 5.—The fight of the United Front of unemployed for better conditions than those imposed in the Platte River forced labor camps is meeting with increasing success.

The committee of charity officials in charge expected a registration of more than 7000 for the labor outlined on the R. F. C. program, but two weeks of campaigning by the 1700 who the city has only found 1700 who has accepted.

More than 40,000 are unemployed here, of which 30,000 have joined the United Front of 60 organizations—A. F. of L. unions, Unemployed Councils, Unemployed Citizens League locals, Communist Party, Socialist Party and various fraternal organizations.

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ALASKA CANNERY UNION ORGANIZES FIGHT FOR SEASON

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Faced yesterday with a committee of five from the Alaska Cannery Union, Mayer and Young, labor contractors for the salmon canneries at Bristol Bay, angrily admitted that already 400 workers had been black-listed for complaining about conditions of the slave contract.

The meeting, in the office of Tidnor, manager of the Alaska Canneries Co., occurred when the delegation came for an answer to demands presented last week and produced evidence that workers had been black-listed because of their refusal to buy clothes at outrageous prices at the store of Mayer and Young, as a part of their pay for a season's work in Alaska.

Furious that the Mexican, Filipino, Chinese and white workers for so many years a fruitful source for robbery, have at last organized, Tidnor answered the demand for an eight-hour day by shouting that his company would not consider a limitation on hours and would work the men 24 hours a day if they wanted to.

A meeting of the union has been called for Monday night at 1529 Powell street to lay plans for the election of group captains among those going to Alaska to organize the job. Ships leave for Bristol Bay May 11, 14, 16 and 24.

BRIEF...

Sweatshop Bread

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Fosters Lanches "Cut retail prices" is at the expense of the journeyman baker. March 27th, 25 bakers made \$1600 worth of stuf at \$2.50 each (and \$500 a month for the foreman). Two years ago we got \$6 for nine hours, now the regular shift is 12-14 hours for \$2.50. A couple of ten minute spells for stale coffee are given "to pep up the men," the foreman says. Nearly all the bakers are union men, but each is trying to put out more than the next one. A. F. of L. local 24 sent down an organizer three weeks ago. He did no organizing, but he worked 15 hours—longer than anybody else.

—J. B.

Relief in Arizona

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 2.—Out of 125,000 in Arizona, 1000 will be recruited into reforestation. Of 17,000 in Maricopa County, 335 youths will be enlisted. This is Roosevelt's complete answer to Arizona's jobless.

For the 17,000 registered, relief is abominable. Many get only one day's work every three or four weeks, at \$2.25 a day. Some get \$1.25 a month. Negroes, Mexicans and whites are segregated into applying for relief on different days. Workers put in the R. F. C. offices get \$1 for four or five hours' work. The majority of them do not earn more than \$5 a month.

—J. K.

Scrip in Portland

PORLAND, Ore., May 1.—A system of scrip has at last been foisted upon the unemployed workers here with the issuance of \$42,000 worth of phoney currency. Four cents in stamps must be attached to the scrip dollar each time it changes hands. Commodity prices will rise, and the workers will be forced to use cash in order to get the scrip ready for the bankers to have redeemed—and the cash has just been cut to 50¢ on the dollar by Roosevelt's inflation!

—B. S.

WORKERS CORRESPONDENCE

S. P. WORKERS TO FIGHT COMPANY INSURANCE TRICK

Workers! This is your paper. Write us of the conditions in your shop or job. Your name will not be printed unless you request it.

Monterey Jobless Force Relief For Family From Board

MONTREY, Calif., May 2.—In spite of intimidation from armed thugs and deputy sheriffs, a committee from the Unemployed Council here appeared before the Monterey County Supervisors in Salinas, yesterday, obtained hearing and forced the charity faker Otis to give an Oak Grove family relief and electricity. Their only means of getting water was through an electric pump. Emboldened by the presence of a large force of deputy sheriffs, Otis refused to deal with any committee from the Unemployed Council.

The Supervisors allowed the committee to speak, but evaded giving a definite answer to demands made a month previous for adequate relief, free medical care and other things. The Supervisors said the new county welfare board would provide relief. The committee objected to the published proposal that Otis be appointed on that board.

Figures Prove Cut

RICHMOND, Calif., April 17.—Mr. G. E. Kennedy, a director of "our" company, declares we are still producing 93% as much gasoline as in 1929, and that wages have been kept up. Here are the facts.

In 1929 the Standard refinery employed 2500 men working a 44-hour week. Today they employ 1800 men, most of them on a 32-hour week. This means that only 52% of the man hours required to produce a gallon in 1929 is needed now—a speedup of nearly 100%. Yet the workers are led to believe that we have not had our wages cut, because our hourly schedule is unchanged!

As usual at evictions, the U. C. R. A. (Unemployed Cooperative Relief Association) came to the rescue of the evicted family with seventeen units responding in protest. A tent was pitched on the street, followed by speeches and discussions. After several hours the crowd had dwindled to about 80. Then the most disgraceful and loathsome sap-up gangsters of America appeared in their full regalia; armed with guns, ball bats, black jacks, bombs and hand grenades.

Among the badly beaten were the evicted family's son, a minor, a woman member of the evicted family and an unemployed war veteran. Swanson was beaten over the head with ball bats and saps until he became unconscious. Hadden, manager of Unit 14, U. C. R. A., received a fractured collar bone.

—S. O. Worker.

Evict L. A. Family With Red Squad

LOS ANGELES, May 4.—A family of unemployed with two minor children were evicted from their home at 451 W. 90th street on the afternoon of April 29.

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Cop Ejects, Beats Negro At Jim Crow Restaurant

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 10.—A policeman brutally attacked and threw out bodily Smith Robinson, Negro worker, who demanded that he be served in the Bee Hive Cafe, 557 South Main street, on Friday, March 31st.

U. S. S. R. Letter Nails Lies of Oregon Reporters

Finnish Workers Now in Soviet Karelia Brand Bonham Story As Lie

Charges in the capitalist press that John Emil Parras, former editor of "Toveri," Finnish paper at Astoria, Ore., and Theodore Sauso, also an employee of "Toveri," who with three other comrades were deported from Oregon last year, have been exiled and imprisoned in the Soviet Union for failure to "agree with the Soviet method of running things," are flatly denied in the following letter, sent to the Western Worker by Vaino Finberg, one of the five, from Petrozavodsk, Soviet Karelia, under date of April 9, 1933. The letter is signed by Theodore Sauso, Matti Lakkila, Vaino Finberg and John Emil Parras. Comrade Oravainen, fifth member of the group, died a few months ago, the letter says, as a result of the hardships he endured in American and German prisons. The letter follows:

Our attention is called to a United Press story, published in several American capitalist newspapers. In the Oregon Daily Journal of Portland, Ore., it appeared Feb. 9 under the headline, "Deportees Find Red Rule Harsh." Among other things it says:

"John Emil Parras, former editor of 'TOVERI,' Finnish paper at Astoria, who was deported to Russia for Communist attacks on the United States, has been exiled to Siberia from Russia because he did not agree with the rulings of the Soviet government. Theodore Sauso, another employee of the 'TOVERI' is in a Russian prison cell because he too did not agree with the Soviet method of running things."

INSTIGATED BY BONHAM
We, the undersigned, whose names are mentioned in this con-

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We are keeping on until we get relief for them. Workers of Tucson should be warned by this one of many examples not to donate money to the hypocritical Salvation Army.

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UNEMPLOYED FIGHT IN SANTA BARBARA MET BY FAKE MOVE

VACAVILLE JUDGE TRIYS NEW TRICK AGAINST WORKERS

VACAVILLE, Calif.—On April 20 A. Espinosa was again arrested and charged with not posting \$200 bond.

The comrades went to Judge Dobbins and had the bond ready but on closer investigation it was found that they wanted the parties posting bond to be responsible for payment of fines as well, in case the higher court affirms the previous judgment.

On March 15 the Vacaville court found the strike leaders, Espinosa together with Red Melgar, Harry Synder, James Melgar, Lora Thornton, guilty of parading without a permit. A notice of appeal was asked and granted without the prosecution calling for renewal of bonds.

Apparently Judge Dobbins and City Attorney Reynolds are trying to frame-up on the workers posting bonds so that they can divide the fines among themselves.

Espinosa is in jail although there is sufficient property ready for his bond. We, the workers, will not be victimized by such a rank form of thievery instigated by Dobbins and Reynolds.

We ask that telegrams of protest be sent to these men demanding the release of A. Espinosa and the acceptance of bonds without holding those giving the bonds responsible for fines.

—Group of Workers.

Arizona Farmers Joining United Farmers League

GADSTON, Ariz., April 10.—In a United Farmers' League meeting here on March 26th, 14 dirt farmers attended, and 12 of them joined the recently organized U. F. L. local of Gadson. Four new subscriptions were taken for the Producers' News. Two of the farmers walked more than five miles to be present.

Great interest is being shown in Southwestern Arizona regarding the United Farmers' League.

Young Fighters of Chinese Soviet Republic



First picture of the Young Vanguard, important part of the Chinese Red Army whose recent sweeping victories have retaken all the territory Chiang Kai Shek's armies took three years to capture. Their heroism and determination has time and again beaten down the Nan-

king armies, supplied with modern equipment by American Imperialism to crush the Chinese Soviets.

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

U. S. S. R. Workers Display Red Army Power

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., May 2.—Moscow saw the greatest demonstration in its history with over 1,000,000 estimated taking part. Most impressive in the demonstration was the great military strength displayed, in answer to the war threats against the Soviet Union. This included 500 speedy 8-wheel tanks, and many monstrous 18-wheel tanks not previously shown.

There were 350 planes flying over the Red Square. Fifty of these were five-motor monoplane bombers, which helped emphasize to foreign military observers what they are up against if they try to destroy the Soviet powers.

In the reviewing stand was a British worker, employee of Metropolitan-Vickers, named Beaumont, who was selected by the employees of the company to represent them at the demonstration. It is the same company which endeavored to organize a spy system recently uncovered by the OGPU.

Suppress Left Wing Parade in Japan

TOKYO, Japan, May 2.—There were two May first demonstrations here. The left wing, led by the militant movement, displayed anti-imperialist placards and was suppressed by Fascists and police.

One hundred and sixty were arrested. Many more were previously arrested in an effort to prevent the demonstration. The increased strength of the fighting workers movement, forced the government to allow the parades.

Austria Troops, Barbed Wires For May 1

VIENNA, May 2.—Eight thousand steel helmeted soldiers turned Vienna into an armed camp, and assisted by barbed wire entanglements, surrounding the heart of the city, were on guard to prevent May first demonstrations. The Socialists, for many years predominant in Vienna did not move to resist the dictatorship.

At Atheim, a clash between Communist led workers and Austrian Nazis resulted in one of the fascists being killed and several wounded.

Strike in Philippines

MANILA, May 1.—Carrying the red flag in defiance of police orders, workers today battled police trying to break up the May Day parade. One policeman and several paraders were hurt. Twelve were arrested. The strike of farm workers has spread to three provinces.

25,000 in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, May 2.—Twenty-five thousand joined in a May Day demonstration defying the many police with fixed bayonets held in readiness, and the terrific heat.

Twelve were arrested for making speeches considered by the police too radical. Economic life was completely at a standstill, and no newspapers appeared.

100% Strike in Madrid

MADRID, Spain, May 2.—Madrid's entire economic life was at a standstill, and even food stores were closed as a result of the 100% May first strike. A demonstration led by Communists in the heart of the city clashed with the police, resulting in many wounded.

English Workers Fight Police

GLASGOW, England, May 2.—Glasgow saw a great parade of labor, displaying militant banners, calling for the freedom of the Meir prisoners in India, and against the embargo declared on Soviet trade. Police tried to break up the parade which resulted in a street battle.

LONDON, May 2.—The workers here demonstrated with militant parades led by the Communists and the Independent Labor Party which has recently decided to join the Communist International.

May First in Panama City

PANAMA CITY, May 2.—The May Day demonstration here was a great protest against American imperialism, with police fully mobilized against the workers. Negro workers are particularly rallying to the slogan for the defense of the Scottsboro boys. One of the chief demands is a 50% reduction in rents.

General Strike in Canary Islands

LA PALMAS, Canary Islands, May 2.—May first marked the declaration of a general strike, which the authorities consider revolutionary, and reason for mobilizing the civil guard.

Try Arrests To Stall Chile May Day

CHILE, May 1.—Eighty Communists were arrested here at what the police report is a Communist Congress. President Alessandri was given full power by a special law to suppress all May first demonstrations.

Arrests in Turkey

ISTAMBUL, Turkey, May 1.—In an effort to stall May first demonstrations tomorrow, twenty tobacco workers were arrested for distributing Communist leaflets calling for the demonstration. There is an extraordinary police mobilization.

Arrests Throughout Bulgaria

SOFIA, Bulgaria, May 1.—Two hundred were arrested in many Bulgarian towns in an effort to prevent the demonstrations scheduled for tomorrow.

Laundry Workers Wage Cut by Bosses, Urged to Fight

RICHMOND, Calif., May 3.—The men in the Santa Fe shops have been spending eight and a half hours on the job, but to effect a saving of \$400 in overtime, the bosses "asked" the men to take an hour off at noon, making a 9-hour day. They were thunderstruck when a leaflet appeared calling on the men to oppose the change.

Four years ago I worked in the Ideal Laundry when the union officials made an agreement for no more strikes and no more wage cuts. Then we did 275 shirts in 8 hours. Now we must do 400 in 8 hours and button them up besides. And wages have been cut from \$26.50 to \$23.58 a week.

I worked next to a woman stool pigeon who grabbed all the easy shirts. Although I am one of the fastest ironers in the state, I could only do 320 hard shirts in 8 hours. The slavedriver came around and asked why I was so slow, and I answered right back at him and protested the wage cuts and speedups. For this I was let out.

Women in the Ideal, Gallant, etc., etc., are afraid of losing their jobs, but they don't have to accept these vile conditions. They once knew how to fight. We can organize again into our own union and make the bosses accept OUR conditions.

Shop Worker,



GOOD RESPONSE FOR FUND TO DEFEND SCOTTSBORO BOYS

N.A.A.C.P. Cooperates With I.L.D. For Good United Front

TO A NINE-INCH GUN
Whether you hit the target or not
Your cost is \$500 a shot.
You throat of noise and flaming power,
We feed you a hundred barrels of flour
Each time you roar, Your flame is fed
With 20,000 loaves of bread.
Silence! Twenty million men
Seek bread to fill their mouths again.

—Richmond Hunger Fighter.

"I ask you also to increase your wage scales in conformity with and simultaneously with the rise of commodity prices insofar as this lies within your power," says Roosevelt to big employers.
"LIES within your power" is right!

Mrs. Gifford Pinchot joins a strike picket line! Yes, Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, wife of that bloody governor who has made Pennsylvania mounted police hated by every worker in the country, makes a fake gesture which will not fool that picket line, and the workers on it. Too many times she has kept silent while strikers heads were broken, for them to believe her now.

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BRIGHTSAVINGS OF CHILDREN: "I didn't know what I was doing." — Gov. Ralph.

Since Ralph signed the bill firing Matt Sullivan and other cronies during a stupor, who's going to write the "masterly" denials in the Mooney case?

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Jimmy evidently couldn't pass the intelligence tests required now for the forced labor camps he is credited with giving birth to.

And then there's Roosevelt, who insisted on the intelligence tests. His federal employees cut of 15% included a Texan who had been sending in weather reports the government used. * * * * *

So they say Ralph is now staggering around showing to all who laugh at him, the newspaper clipping of Roosevelt's wage-cutting this Texan. Unquestionably it proves his mental fitness for capitalist politics.

Cutting these Ralph attorneys is the only gas shutoffs we approve of.

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Coincident with strikes and desertions in the forestation camps comes news of trying to bolster up the lists with sending 14,000 destitute reservation Indians. Probably figure they can live on roots and berries.

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Seeing the growing strength of the Bonus March the American Legion heads come out with a demand for "equal treatment of veterans and dependents of all wars."

And "democracy" is saved—if they are all cut off equally.

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MORNING PRAYER OF Congress and Senate: "Give us this day our daily bread at the working class, Mr. President."

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"A most valuable measure," says Archbishop Hanna of Frisco of Roosevelt forced labor schemes, "he cause it not only puts men to work but has the virtue of NOT COSTING THE STATE ANYTHING." Since their beginning centuries ago, the chief virtue in the eyes of both capitalists and their church has been making men work for nothing.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What is so rare as a day in June?
A. An honest A. F. of L. official. After all, there are 30 days in June.

GORDON TOURS FOR ANTI-SYNDICALISM SIGNATURE DRIVE

LOS ANGELES, May 3.—To popularize the criminal syndicalism law repeal campaign and to broaden the organizational work, a southern California tour has been arranged for Gene Gordon, campaign manager. His itinerary follows: Santa Barbara, May 9 and 10; Ventura, May 11; San Bernardino, May 13 and 14; Santa Ana, May 16 and 17; Inglewood, May 19 and 20; San Diego, May 24 and 25; Pasadena, May 26 and 27; Long Beach, June 3 and 4; bay cities, June 17.

On June 10 an entertainment and dance to finance the campaign will be held in Los Angeles at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 124 North Townsend street, Belvedere. The tentative program includes the Blue Blouse Players and the John Reed Club string quartet.

GOOD RESPONSE FOR FUND TO DEFEND SCOTTSBORO BOYS

N.A.A.C.P. Cooperates With I.L.D. For Good United Front

L. A. Needle Workers Call Conference May 12

LOS ANGELES, May 5.—The Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union is calling a conference of all workers organizations here for Monday, May 22, at 8 p. m., at 213 N. Soto street, to carry through the militant program started by the workers local.

The main points are for abolishing piece work and substituting a guaranteed minimum wage scale, forty-hour five-day week, union control the shops and an Unemployment Insurance Fund.

April 29 a drive to raise wages for finishers and lining cutters was begun. Within a few days the union committee got a raise in prices from 35 to 40 per cent. In several shops they got piece work abolished and the week work established for finishers, while in another shop, after stopping work for several hours, week work was established not only for finishers but for the operators as well.

The present campaign has been mostly in coat and jacket shops, where conditions have degraded to the lowest level.

All workers and friendly organizations are called upon to elect delegates to the conference.

500 FARMERS COME TO MERCED PICNIC

Scottsboro day on April 30 resulted in thousands of Negro workers hearing the Scottsboro story at the 16 bay district churches, told by I. L. D. speakers. A total of \$116.12 was contributed of which \$77.12 went direct to the I. L. D., \$25.10 through the National office of the N. A. A. C. P., and \$13.90 in pledges.

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Mathew Woll Thinks Scottsboro Boys Are Guilty

LIVINGSTON, Calif., May 2.—Five hundred farmers and their families gathered at Pentacostal Hall here Sunday, April 23, for the first picnic of the United Farmers League in Merced County. Resolutions were enthusiastically passed demanding moratoriums on taxes, interest and mortgages for small farmers and cancellations of all debts for farmers who can not carry their debt load. Additional demands were for a 50% reduction in power rates and abolition of the Deficiency Judgment Law, and for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law.

So they say Ralph is now staggering around showing to all who laugh at him, the newspaper clipping of Roosevelt's wage-cutting this Texan. Unquestionably it proves his mental fitness for capitalist politics.

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Cutting these Ralph attorneys is the only gas shutoffs we approve of.

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Coincident with strikes and desertions in the forestation camps comes news of trying to bolster up the lists with sending 14,000 destitute reservation Indians. Probably figure they can live on roots and berries.

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Led Relief Fight, Gets Six Months

SALEM, Ore., April 24.—Offered a parole on condition that he leave the county, Max Farrar, young single worker, declined and has been sentenced to six months in the county jail for his part on a committee of workers who demanded relief for two destitute families.

Becoming separated from the rest of the committee who went to the Red Cross for an emergency order, Farrar found himself in a room with the dispensing agent who tried to phone the police. Prevented in doing this, the agent locked one door and while attempting to lock the other, waiting applicants opened it, letting Farrar out. This happened in January. A month later he was arrested and the trial did not take place until April 20.

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WORKERS THEATRE TROUPE BUILDS MEETINGS

"Red Musical Revue" Set For June 17

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—Dramatically building up street meetings by 300 and 400 additional people, the Blue Blouse troupe of the Workers Theatre here has carried on valuable work in the three weeks of its existence. Here is a theatrical troupe which demands that members be workers rather than actors. Their series of plays—on the pea strike, Mooney fight and the veterans bonus fight—are staged on a truck with nothing more than a table or chair in the way of props. But the simple, forceful presentations invariably get over with a bang, rousing enthusiastic support of the workers to the issue around which the sketches are written.

Copies of these plays are being called for from several cities. For towns within traveling distance a group of players can be sent, but so far the main activities have been in the Fillmore, Mission and North Beach sections of this city. A play on the role of the Western Worker is next on the schedule.

OAKLAND, Calif., May 7.—Elmhurst jobless are fast learning that the one quick way to get relief is through the Unemployed Council. Last week three cases were taken up. In one the grocery order had been halved because the worker bought a pair of shoes and some medicine out of his roadwork pay. Another worker had been refused roadwork because last year he was out of the county two months. The third had his order cut in half because he refused to scab on the pea strikers. The Council won relief on all three.

Not a single worker that we know of went from this district to scab in the pea strike. —East Bay Unemployed.

Educational Board Refuses School For Workers Meeting

LOS ANGELES, May 3.—Previously voting to allow the meeting, the Los Angeles Board of Education reversed itself and denied the use of the Polytechnic High School Auditorium to the Friends of the Soviet Union for May 6.

The hall was refused after a stormy session when a delegation from the F. S. U., Civil Liberties Union and liberals demanded the use of the auditorium. Representatives of the American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution, who had broken up a former meeting, warned the board that violence and damage to property would occur if the meeting took place.

A grand jury investigation was demanded by Al Wirin of the Civil Liberties Union.

Elmhurst Unemployed Council Wins More Relief Cases

OAKLAND, Calif., May 7.—Elmhurst jobless are fast learning that the one quick way to get relief is through the Unemployed Council.

Nine plays have been given in the various Workers Centers, and their mass chant of the song, "Whirlwinds of Danger," brought tremendous applause at the meeting May Day night.

The biggest show yet staged by any working class theatrical organization in this city will be the Revolutionary Musical Revue now being prepared for June 17. No other affairs will be held that night.

Any workers or organizations desiring to assist are urged to communicate with R. Casimir, at 37 Grove street.

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With the YOUNG WORKERS

S. F. Homeless Youth Try to Get New Home

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Since leaving jail, the Homeless Youth are trying to collect money to rent another building, and to carry on our activities as before. We realize that only militant mass action will ever get us anything.

Some Homeless Youth who are working are giving a good share of their small salaries to the treasury of the Homeless Youth, to help us in getting a building. We are also doing what we can in carrying on organizational work among all the Homeless Youth who hit town.

We will keep up our work along the same line which so scared the pot-bellied bosses that they threw us in jail on a "fixed charge." They threw us out again, pretty quick, though, because we were a "mildance." That means that we had the whole jail singing the International and yelling, "Free Tom Mooney and Free the Scottsboro boys and Free the Homeless Youth."

We are soon going to go before the Board of Supervisors and demand that they give us food and shelter. We are thirty-five boys in all, and plan to stick together and put up a fight for a decent living. But we are not going to be run out of town by the police department.

If any one can help us with donations of food, clothing, blankets or money, we'd appreciate it a hell of a lot. Send this stuff to the Workers Headquarters, at 37 Grove street.

—A Homeless Youth.

Youth Clubs Plan Sports Meets

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—To provide organized sports for the youth of San Francisco who have neither the time nor money to become stars, but who nevertheless want to take part in sports, several sports clubs held a conference May 3.

A sports meet will be held on May 14 at the Old Stadium at 36th and Fulton streets. Contests have been arranged for three classes for boys and two classes for girls. Later this conference plans a huge Sports Dance to raise funds for their work.

The conference is arranging a huge northern California Sports Meet to take place on National Youth Day, May 30. All out of town delegations which have been informed about this Sports Meet plan to send to teams and individuals for the sports program.

Another meeting of the Sports Committee will take place at 2100 Mariposa, Wednesday, May 10, at 8 o'clock.

Join the Party that fights against Roosevelt's starvation program—the Communist Party. Write for application to the Western Worker.

—SPREAD IT!

MAY FIRST TURNOUT GREATEST IN U. S. HISTORY

Thousands Face Tear Gas in L. A. May First Meets

OAKLAND, May 6.—To complete arrangements for Recognition Day, May 21st, the East Bay Recognition Conference will meet Sunday, May 14, 8 p. m., in Carpenters Hall, the Friends of the Soviet Union announce.

Comrades should bring in their filled petitions and an exact report on the number of names obtained by them and the organizations they represent. They are urged to get their organizations to pass the resolution it has received or to get one from the new headquarters of the Recognition campaign, Room 1, 1020 Broadway, from 2 to 5 p. m.

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Six Arrested At Pueblo

PUEBLO, Colo., May 2.—Chas. Guynn, state organizer of the Unemployed Council and five other workers, were arrested here yesterday distributing leaflets for the May Day meeting. Refused a permit by the police, the workers determined to hold the meeting anyway.

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400 At Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif., May 2.—Four hundred workers took part in the May first demonstration here at Hunters Square disregarding the rain. Among the speakers was a Phillipino worker.

Colorado Springs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 2.—All police, including those off duty, and the aid of firemen, was required to break up the meeting here on the Court House lawn.

P. C. Feste and Rev. W. C. Sanchez, leaders of the Unemployed Council, were arrested during a fight to stop an eviction.

200 At Monterey

MONTEREY, Calif., May 2.—One hundred and fifty workers attended the May first demonstration here. There was an entertainment in the evening attended by 200.

275 At Mesa

MESA, Ariz.—Two hundred and seventy-five workers took part in the Mesa May first demonstration, at the City Hall. Among the speakers was Carl Howe, the section or organizer of the Communist Party.

TO JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY—FILL OUT!

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Editorial Column

WOODCUTTING AND WAGE CUTTING

The announcement that 34,500 young workers will be recruited for Roosevelt's 166 reforestation camps in California is hailed by the "Labor Claxon," organ of the San Francisco Labor Council, as a "project that will have a far-reaching effect on the welfare of this country." The camps are described in a most glowing manner.

The labor misleaders in San Francisco are only following the lead of the Greens and the Wools who found the camps perfectly good after the term "wages" for the \$1.00 per day given was replaced by the expression "cash allowance." To make matters entirely satisfactory one of the fakers from the Machinists Union, Robert Fechner, was given national supervision of the scheme.

The reforestation bill can be summed up as follows:

(1) Two hundred and fifty thousand youth (to start with, anyway) will be placed under army discipline. Although for the present engaged in forestry work, they constitute an element that may be available the moment they are needed to fight for the imperialist war aims of the United States Bosses. Military training will be undoubtedly introduced later.

(2) The camps are introduced as a relief cutting measure, since the recruiting agents are the Welfare Boards, instructed that only the sons of such as are at present receiving relief should be submitted. Since this is a free country, no one is forced to go. But such as won't are threatened with being cut off the relief roll. Those that will are cut off anyway, since the parents at home are expected to live on the \$20.00 per month deducted from the boys' wages.

(3) Two hundred and fifty thousand out of seventeen million jobless is like a drop in a bucket.

(4) The funds to finance the camps come from the funds already allotted for federal projects, and that means that thousands of building trades workers, road workers and many other who would be working will be forced on charity. Likewise the work performed through the camps will directly displace workers who would receive \$4.00 and \$5.00 per day for the same work.

(5) The camps once established, can eventually be extended to include other fields of federal work, and go further in displacing workers paid union scales and drive wages down.

Workers who realize the anti-labor character of this first bit of Roosevelt "relief" should have no difficulty in seeing that the entire program of the new administration is to further shift the burden of the crisis on the workers. The servicemen were cut 15%. Veterans compensations have been cut off. Troops are being used against farmers fighting foreclosures. The inflation policy to increase living costs will mean the most sweeping wage cuts yet experienced.

All of this should make apparent that the demagogic "new deal" agitation is only to pull wool over the eyes of the workers. It can be clearly seen now that the Beer Issue was being saved up by the boss politicians for precisely the moment when it will help them most to put over the starvation program.

Workers and poor farmers! Fight the new starvation regime! Don't fall for the sugar coated phraseology!

Join the fight against every attempt to cut relief. Organize strikes against forced labor!

Join the Communist Party!

SYNDICALISM REPEAL COMMITTEE CALLS FOR MORE INTENSE DRIVE.

A. F. of L. Misleaders Openly Quit Repeal Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—The 25,000 signatures, one sixth of the total necessary, must be collected. Local repeal campaign committees in every county are instructed to divide this general quota among the organizations under their jurisdiction and push the collection of signatures with the utmost energy and speed. Delegations with speakers must be sent to cover every local union of the A. F. of L., appealing for support and collecting signatures. Mass meetings should be arranged. Speakers must be sent to churches and fraternal organizations, liberal and student groups, wherever possible, to call for active support in the campaign and for affiliation with the local county campaign committees.

APPEAL FOR CAMPAIGN FUND

"Finances to carry through this campaign," states the state committee, "must be raised immediately and wherever possible—in trade unions, churches, lodges, clubs, forums, schools and at special mass meetings and social affairs being arranged in your localities. Arrange banquets, picnics, sports exhibitions, plays, symposiums, mass meetings, forums, tag days and every possible means of bringing the repeal issue to the workers and sympathizers and to draw from them financial support. \$1000 must be raised between May 25th and July 15th. Without this financial help we cannot carry on this campaign; with your active help in raising funds we will succeed."

The state committee, repeating its original warning not to depend on Sharrenberg and his partners-in-faith, the legislature, in Sacramento to repeal the Syndicalism Law. The defeat of the Maloney Bill (No. 181) was killed by one vote in the Judiciary Committee last month. Following pressure from the membership of the American Federation of Labor unions and from the numerous workers' organizations and fraternal groups affiliated with the State Committee for Repeal of the C. S. Law, these fakers were compelled to make another show of action, and on April 28 managed to have an amendment eliminating clause 4 of section 2 of the C. S. Act, voted to the Assembly.

Now even this minimum concession is being balked in the Assembly, after being voted through, by a last minute motion for "reconsideration" made by Assemblyman Chas. Stream of San Diego, Chamber of Commerce representative for Spreckles and the other southern California bosses.

The state committee, repeating its original warning not to depend on Sharrenberg and his partners-in-faith, the legislature, in Sacramento to repeal the Syndicalism Law. The defeat of the Maloney Repeal Bill should prove to all that the Initiative Petition campaign must be energetically pushed. Every reader of the Western Worker, every member of the A. F. of L. unions, all members of every working class and fraternal organization, and all workers and their sympathizers are urged to get actively into the state-wide campaign to collect 150,000 signatures of voters on the initiative petition now in circulation.

CALL FOR SEVEN-WEEKS CONCENTRATION

Beginning May 25 and lasting till July 15, the state committee calls for a seven-weeks' intense drive for signatures throughout the entire state. During this period a total of

Rehearsal



By Kirby

International Events and Western Workers

Further Signs of Capitalist Decay; Crisis Drives Many to Insane Asylums; MacDonald-Roosevelt Plot Against the U. S. S. R.; Too Much Stock On Hand; Beer and Prosperity.

Monday's mail brings two clippings from E. B. of Berkeley, Calif. Here is the first one:

BRAZIL DESTROYS ENOUGH COFFEE TO LAST U. S. YEAR

During the last year more than one billion pounds of coffee—enough to supply every person in the United States with a cup a day for one year—has been destroyed by Brazil, according to information by the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange.

Under the direction of the National Coffee Council of Brazil, 9,319,000 bags were burned or otherwise destroyed during 1932, with a view of improving the statistical position of the industry, it was said. This amount is equivalent to

40 per cent of the entire world's consumption for 1931-1932 crop year.

And here is the second one:

We find ourselves today with

"national income" less than half what it was four years ago.

In 1929 that income was esti-

mated by the National Indus-

trial Conference Board at over

85 billions of dollars; the same

authority estimates the 1932 in-

come at no more than 40 bil-

lions. In 1931 it was nearly 53

billions, and in 1930 nearly 71

billions. This is a fearsome ex-

hibit of what has happened to

our living standards—and to

those of the world. Have we

realized that it has happened?

Have we adjusted our minds

and our habits to the changed

conditions? Or are we still

counting on a return to "nor-

mal"? What in fact IS normal?

What kind of living standard

can we reasonably expect for

the next few years? Who

knows?

Thanks, Comrade E. B. You are

certainly right. The old capitalist

system is everything you say—ridi-

culous, parasitic and rapidly de-

caying. But why don't you join the

Communist Party? Capitalism can

degrade humanity to unbelievable

depths unless it is destroyed—and

only the working class, the poor

farmers and those intellectuals who

can rise above their immediate

narrow interests can destroy it.

If they go up he loses. The worker

has his wages cut and yet pays in-

creased prices

Roosevelt boasts that is his pro-

gram. Raise prices and cut wages

further through the 20-hour week.

The "Miracle Man?" Bah!

STILL "TOO MUCH" GOODS

Thursday—There are still vast

unsold stocks on hand that keep

the factories from opening up.

That's because workers cannot buy

back all their produce. And the

foreign markets are glutted. That's

the real cause of the crisis. Manu-

facturing with money by the "Mirac-

le Man" will only help capitalist

speculators. Can the foreign mar-

kets be expanded? The facts show

they are in fact diminishing. Com-

rade A. L. from Spokane, Wash.,

sends us the following newspaper

clipping from the Newark, N. J.,

Investment News:

EXPORTS ARE AT LOWEST LEVELS SINCE 1904

February exports of the Unit-

ed States had a value of only

\$100,000,000, which was a de-

cline of \$20,593,000 from Jan-

uary, and the smallest total of

any month since 1904. Thus all

the trade gains achieved over

better than a quarter of a cen-

tury are wiped out.

Capitalism cannot solve the crisis.

Overproduction and exploitation of

toilers are choking it to death. Cut-

ting of hours and socialization of

wealth can advance us towards so-

ution. It will take a proletarian

revolution to accomplish that.

THE BEER ILLUSION

Friday—Comrade H. C. L. from

Phoenix, Ariz., writes that the flow

of beer may give capitalism a new

lease on life. That's not a very

scientific conclusion. A blood trans-

fusion sometimes gives an ailing

body a new lease on life. But beer

in the veins of capitalism is likely

to give it an additional disease—

social gastritis. This disease is

commonly known as "hot air prom-

ises." Beer for prosperity is only

another illusion, like technocracy,

barter, inflation, social credits, and

the Socialist Party platform. No use

trying to revive capitalism. Let's

join our might to kill it and make

for a workers and farmers govern-

ment as in the Soviet Union.

Saturday—with the 5-day week

bill on the verge of passing Con-

gress we ought to have more time

to study Marx and Lenin—might

help forget mealtimes when there

isn't much to eat anyway.

So we'll set the example.

—S. A. D.

about the workings of the organiza-

tion.

SNOBISHNESS PROHIBITED

Party members are strictly in-

structed not to adopt a "snobbish"

attitude towards any worker who

may not understand a term often

used in the Party, or may not ex-

press himself in a "polished" man-

ner concerning some questions.

You should not hesitate to ask the

comrades the meaning of various